## WELCOME TO SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

This year, South Texas college is celebrating 30 years of excellence in higher education in the Rio Grande Valley.

Three decades ago, South Texas College started with only 1,000 students, but has grown to an enrollment of 30,000 and has conferred more than 80,000 degrees and certificates since its inception in 1993. And although STC is one of the youngest colleges in the state, its growth has been exponential and is now a "Top 5" college in the nation for awarding the most associate degrees to Hispanic students.

As one of the most prominent community colleges in the nation, the state's top producer of nurses and the only community college to offer five baccalaureate degrees, South Texas College is committed to student learning as the foundation of student success. This is achieved through excellence in teaching and service, faculty and staff empowerment, professional development and accountability.

South Texas College students can choose from more than 127 degree and certificate program options in a variety of fields of study. These include business, technology, liberal arts, social science, math, science, nursing and allied health. Students can pursue a Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) in Operations Management, Computer and Information Technologies, Medical and Health Services Management, a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Organizational Leadership and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-to-BSN).

As South Texas College continues to celebrate 30 years, the college looks toward a newfound vision of innovation, bold transformation and forging new and creative partnerships that will bring the region more learning opportunities and workforce development.

## **Accreditation**

South Texas College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award Baccalaureate and Associate degrees. South Texas College also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of South Texas College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SACSCOC's website (https://sacscoc.org/).

South Texas College's offerings are approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. It is also approved for veterans' educational training in Certificate and Associate of Applied Science Degree programs by the Texas Education Agency.

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